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We are altogether now in this struggle. If we win, you win. If we lose, you lose. Will you help win? Thrift stamps offer one way.

MERCER COUNTY BOYS

Who Leave for Camp Taylor, Ky., To-Morrow—Citizens of Ft. Recovery to Have Charge of Exercises

The patriotic exercises that will precede the leave-taking of the Mercer county boys who leave Celina to-morrow will be under the direction of the citizens of Ft. Recovery, who will come in large numbers, business there being suspended from 8 a. m. to 1 p. m. The program here begins promptly at 9:45, and follows:

Invocation.....Rev. Emch
Address.....G. A. Reuter, Chairman
Music.....
Address.....Rev. A. F. Linbeck
Presentation of kits by Ft. Recovery Red Cross ladies.
Presentation of boxes by committee of Ft. Recovery business men.
Presentation of carnations by committee of Ft. Recovery ladies.
Announcements of Dr. C. A. Brown, grand marshal.
Line of march to C. N. depot.
Formation of parade on north side of

Benj. Sidle
W. H. Bruns
Leon Pond
Aloys Moorman
Frank H. Gengler
Edward J. Hartings
Harry O. McDowell
John Thiemann
Albert Vondrell
Harley Theene
Charles V. Snyder
Louis H. Gast
Bald Anderson
Cyrus Collins
Edward Hamberg
James Winans
Harry L. Gerdes
John A. Feltz
Thomas N. Custer
Stanley D. Miller
Earl Franks
Ralph Jordan
Harry A. Romer
Ray Newland
Alonso Lemunyon
Henry Budde
Louis J. Bauer
Wm. Woeste
Vincent Goetke
John B. Grunden
John Welskittle
Ferd Woeste
Edward Vesper
Raymond M. Wertz
Arnold Shook
Carl W. Vesper
Charles A. Seltz
Bart Anthony
Benjamin Blossom
John H. Osterfeld
Dorth Felver
Ludwig Hausfeld
Charles Lane
Daniel C. Breymer
Gerhard Bertke
Ray Tester
Aloys Bruggeman
Perry S. Wright
Forest Jenkins
Julius Boehmer
Albert Michls
Franklin B. Collins
Stewart Scott

of court-house square.
Mayor, council, clerk, treasurer and board of public affairs of Ft. Recovery.
Boys' Band.
Ladies' Relief Corps.
G. A. R. veterans.
Woodmen Band.
Red Cross ladies.
Young ladies of Ft. Recovery.
Chairman Reuter, Rev. Emch and Rev. Linbeck.
Ft. Recovery band.
Draft Board.
Soldier boys.
Citizens.
Celina business houses are asked to close from 9:30 a. m. till 12.

Arthur R. Pond
Anthony Hieholzer
Joseph Meier
Chancy B. Kettering
Carl M. Heiby
Gustave A. Nickamp
Earl E. Snyder
John W. Barber
Louis R. Heiby
Roman J. Becker
Lewis Kallmyer
Ralph Ayers
Robert Dysert
Harry Wagner
Albert Rhodes
Jacob Kremer
C. E. White
Clemens Kunk
Ferdinand Kemmer
Irvin Wade
Sylvia E. Buxton
Anthony L. Kemper
Holland G. Archer
Alfred Witt
Dallas Powell
George Houston
Wm. Breymer
Alexius H. Glere
Richard L. Kuntz
Roy Blakely
Frank McKinnan
Clemens Frenzer
Ernest P. Kriemendahl
Jacob Huber
Charles McFlowers
Norman Myers
Jesse E. Houston
Aloys J. Backs
Leo G. Bernard
Mahlon Redman
Jesse Arnett
John J. Ledwedge
Fred Muehrer
Jesse Black
John Grim
Urban DeCurtins
W. E. Snyder
Vernon Counterman
Alonso Rice
Harold L. Murlin
John H. Kientz
Wm. Seavright
Philip Cable

MEMORIAL AND DECORATION DAY PROGRAMMES

Members of the D. J. Roop Post and the Women's Relief Corps will meet next Sunday, the 26th, at 9:30 a. m., at the G. A. R. hall and march to the Presbyterian church, where the memorial day sermon will be preached by Rev. Roebuck at 10:30 a. m. All veterans are invited to participate.

The following program has been arranged by members of the G. A. R. for the observance of Decoration day next Thursday:

Rev. Horn of the Presbyterian church will deliver the address of the day at the City Opera-house at 2 p. m.

Members of D. J. Roop Post and the Women's Relief Corps are requested to meet at G. A. R. hall at 9 a. m. and march to the City Hall, where all fraternal orders are invited to join them and march to the North Grove and the Catholic cemetery.

All school children and the Boys' Band are requested to meet at the court-house park at 9 a. m., with the patriotic instructor to lead the procession to the cemeteries.

The program at the City Opera-house next Thursday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock, is as follows:

Song.....America
Invocation.....Rev. Emch
Music.....M. E. Sunday-school Orchestra
Lincoln's Gettysburg Speech.....
Solo.....Jerome Grothman
Reading.....Helen Barr
Song.....Parochial School
Solo.....Kathryn Cook
Address.....Rev. Horn

All citizens who will donate the use of their automobiles to convey the veterans to the cemeteries on Decoration Day will please be at the City Hall at 9 a. m.

H. B. FRIEDMAN, Commander.

Liberty Township Memorial Services

The people of Liberty township will hold memorial services at Center chapel next Sunday, the 26th, at 11 a. m. Rev. C. S. Johnson, of this city, will have charge of the services.

FIRST ACT UNDER THE NEW LAW

Wilson Divorces Air Service From Signal Corps.

ISSUES AN EXECUTIVE ORDER

John D. Ryan, Recently Appointed Director of Aircraft Production and Chairman of the Aircraft Board, Given Full Legal Status and Power. Signal Corps Reverts to its Old Functions.

Washington, May 31.—The first act of the president under the new law permitting him to readjust government departments was the complete reorganization of the army air service.

In an order the president directed that the air service be wholly divorced from the signal corps, and also that the functions of producing and operating aircraft of all kinds in the military service be separated.

The order formally creates a bureau of aircraft production, described as an executive agency which "shall exercise full, complete and exclusive jurisdiction and control over the production of airplanes, airplane engines and aircraft equipment for the use of the army, under a director of aircraft production, who shall also be chairman of the aircraft board."

This gives full legal status and power to John D. Ryan, recently appointed director of aircraft production and chairman of the aircraft board, and the order transfers to him all funds, lands, buildings and personnel of the signal corps having to do with aircraft production.

Similarly the position of director of military aeronautics now held by Major General William L. Kenly is formally established and all funds, duties, equipment and personnel of the signal corps connected with the operation of aircraft and balloons and with the training of aviators placed under his direction.

The signal corps reverts to its old functions, having to do only with army signaling and the transmission of military information. Major General George O. Squier, chief signal officer, remains in that post, but without connection with the air service, except that by law, as chief signal officer, he continues as an ex-officio member of the aircraft board.

Shots and Kisses Wrote.
Warren, O., May 21.—Thomas Felles, alleged pro-German, shot and killed his wife while she was placing an American flag in a window of their rooming house here. Felles fired four bullets into her body with a revolver and then made an unsuccessful attempt to kill himself. Physicians say he will recover.

Italian Aviator Killed.
Hempstead, N. Y., May 18.—Captain Antonio Sylvia Resnati, 35, the famous Italian aviator, was killed in an airplane fall here. Resnati was testing an American airplane. He fell only 100 feet. The wings collapsed. Captain Resnati gained fame in this country piloting the giant Italian Caproni triplane.

Cincinnati Daily Post and The Democrat, both one year, \$3.50.

Red Cross Benefit

June 1st is the date of the first of a series of social affairs to be given this summer by the Franklin township Red Cross. There will be good music by the Montezuma band, ice-cream, strawberries and cream, and other things you cannot afford to miss. The time is, Saturday, June 1st; place, Montezuma band stand.

Rockford Lad Sent to Industrial School

Oscar Hook, of Rockford, aged 14, was arrested last Tuesday and taken before Judge Younger of the Juvenile Court, where, after a hearing, he pleaded guilty and was ordered committed to the Boys' Industrial School at Lancaster, where he was taken Wednesday.

Young Hook was charged with stealing money at different times from his grandfather, a blind pensioner. He came to Celina to blow in the money, taking several boys to St. Marys for a joy ride, and was a liberal cigarette investor and dispenser.

LADS OF 21 MUST REGISTER JUNE 5

Chairman Warren L. Trenary of the local selective service board, under date of May 21, furnishes the following for publication by direction of the Adjutant General:

"The Provost Marshal General, in a telegram to the Governor this morning, announced that the act providing for the registration of men who have become 21 years of age since June 5 last, has been passed by Congress and the proclamation by the President will be issued shortly, naming June 5 next as the day for registration.

GIBBONS HOLDS FT. CHATTANOOGA

[From Daily Standard.]
In the matter of the application of Perry Gibbons for the renewal of his saloon license at Chattanooga, the two members of the Liquor Licensing Board, having failed to agree, a third member, R. L. Mattingly, was sought to render an opinion on the case. After reviewing the protests and complaints in full, he summarizes his opinion that Gibbons should have a license as follows:

"I therefore find from the evidence that his license should be renewed as applied for, and so decide, and as a third member of this board, vote in favor of granting the same."

He holds that the acts of public indecency and disorder, as occurring at Chattanooga, are all provided for in law, forms of procedure and punishment. But the liquor license board has no power, so long as the personal acts of the licensee are not involved, and that if it might be prudent to make Chattanooga a dry territory are not matters within the power of the board to remedy.

On March 14 Gibbons filed his application for renewal of his saloon license, and on April 30 the protests and complaints were filed: (1) Selling to an intoxicated person; (2) selling quantities of liquor to be carried into Indiana territory; (3) various other offenses against law; and (4) the material charge that Perry Gibbons is not of good moral character.

In the opinion of Mr. Mattingly, the sole question for the board to determine, is Perry Gibbons a man of good moral character? That it must be admitted that the mere fact of being a saloon-keeper and selling liquor does not in any way abridge the claim of good moral character of the applicant, for the law itself has made the business moral in a legal and public sense. So, he concludes, that inasmuch as the accused applicant has in fact willfully violated no laws of the state and that the courts are ready to remedy all the unhappy conditions prevailing in and about Chattanooga, and so to try and secure the peace and order of the community, the applicant for renewal of license for any actual offense against the law, this board should not take action which would destroy investments made by such applicant in good faith in a business which evidence shows he has conducted in a respectable manner, and in conditions inflamed public opinion to some extent against him with out sufficient proof of guilt on his part.

NEARLY 200 EMPLOYEES UNACCOUNTED FOR

Additional Bodies Taken From Ruins at Oakdale.

Pittsburgh, May 21.—More than 90 bodies have been taken from the ruins of the Aetna Chemical company's plant at Oakdale, near here, the total representing the "known dead" as a result of the terrific explosions which wrecked the plant last Saturday. Searchers have been working in shifts since the disaster occurred.

Of the total bodies recovered, 43 have been identified, while the remains of the others are charred and blackened beyond recognition. Coroners' deputies hold the hope, however, that many of the unidentified bodies will be claimed later when pieces of clothing and trinkets taken from the dead are recognized.

Compilations show 94 persons in Pittsburgh hospitals, and company officials say that 190 members of the working force of the plant are yet unaccounted for. Federal, state, county and local investigations of the disaster are in progress, but nothing has thus far developed to disclose the cause of the explosion.

Cincinnati Daily Post and The Democrat, both one year, \$3.50.

PUT SANDLES TO SPEAK AT GRANGE PICNIC

The second annual all-day picnic and field day of the Mercer county Granges will be held at Erastus, June 8, opening at 10 a. m. with music by the Neptune band. There will be many interesting field contests—standing jump, running jump, hop-step-and-jump, high jump, pole vault, 300-yard dash, 3-legged race, shot put, ladies' long throw, tug-of-war (juveniles). Contests confined to Grange members.

Teams of two contest in each event from each Grange; six points given in each event; one judge from each Grange. Three for winners, two for seconds and one for thirds.

12 noon—Dinner.
1 p. m.—Band music, followed by singing "America."
1:30 p. m.—Address, Hon. A. P. Sandles.
2:15 p. m.—Base ball game, Montezuma vs. Unity.

The Grangers of Mercer county are urged to be present, and the public is cordially invited to spend the day with us.

FRANK COATE,
Master of Ceremonies.

RICH LOAFERS IN CLASS WITH HOBOS

Over in Lima 12 men have been arrested on secret indictments charging that they won't work. Some of them have independent incomes and make that an excuse for loafing. The police are searching for 13 more of these alleged vagrants. One of the men arrested has an income of \$150 a month and has not worked for years. The prosecutor says the men will be tried under an old law making vagrancy a felony, punishable by a prison sentence. It is said that many men are frightened by these arrests and are getting to work. One well-dressed young man who wears diamonds has seized the first job offered and is now driving a garbage wagon.

This is a great reform. It is in the air that men must work. Loafing is becoming a severe experience. In Omaha the police are arresting idlers under a new law which declares that those able to work and won't work shall be found guilty of sedition and liable to a fine up to \$10,000 or imprisonment from 1 to 20 years. How will that law suit the young chaps living on dad and the family pittance? But they will have to come to it. Loafing is to be regarded as an offense against the public welfare.—Ohio State Journal.

What are our authorities doing—the Marshal, the Mayor, Prosecuting Attorney? No doubt some loafers could be found around town, just as worthless and as much a menace any that floats from town to town. Look 'em up—you may find some of them wearing good clothes. Get them all.

SOUTH END IS UP AND DOING

Columbus, May 21.—Vacation Thrift Committees—the organizations perfected to direct activities of the participants in the Vacation Thrift Contest of the Ohio War Savings Committee—have been formed in nearly every county in the state. These committees are responsible for the direction of the local activities in the state contest, for which prizes aggregating \$5,000 in value are to be distributed to winners.

The educational division of the Ohio War Savings Committee, which has supervision of the prize contest, insists that notification be forwarded to Columbus of the organization of vacation thrift committees. Specially prepared reporting cards have been issued to each county war savings organization and to the city and county school superintendents.

It is especially important that the state headquarters be informed of the organization of vacation thrift committees. Only through such information will it be possible to establish direct communication with the local committees. These committees were to have been formed before May 5. A reasonable extension of time has been granted, however. Immediate notification should be forwarded to the state committee.

In Mercer county the following vacation thrift committees have been formed to May 18, according to records in the offices of the Ohio War Savings Committee at Columbus. The place, school and chairman is given in the order named:

Bucketsville, R. D. 1—Cranberry, John Seitz.
St. Henry—Franzer & Uppenkamp, H. Franzer.
Maria Stein—Elementary, H. H. Forschoel.
Carthage—Carthage I. S. J. Hemminger.
Coldwater—Holy Trinity, S. H. Vansa.
District No. 3—Crouch, J. B. Albers.
Chickasaw—Chickasaw village, W. H. Gross.
Maria Stein—Elementary, Sister M. Soersa Hass.
St. Henry, R. D. 2—Cassella, Louis Huelman.
Celina—Bennett, Clara A. Moorman.

BUY FUEL NOW

Coal Delivery May Be Prohibited Later in Many Counties.
Columbus, May 18.—From the federal fuel administration for Ohio comes the warning today that delivery of both bituminous (soft) and anthracite (hard) coal may be prohibited in many counties during the coming fall where wood supply is available. While this information is not final, the probability is sufficient strong to cause the federal administration for the state to issue a warning on the matter so that the people of the state may have ample time to prepare themselves. The stoppage naturally will apply principally to rural counties. An explanation is promised later.

John Studer, of Dayton, was up here over Sunday for a visit with relatives and old-time friends.

Have you enlisted in the army of savers for your country and yourself? Buy War Savings Stamps.

Girls Wanted

Two white girls for housework; sisters or friends preferred; four in family. Give reference when applying. Mrs. John C. Wickham, 233 Douglas avenue, Springfield, O.

Ice-Cream Social at Erastus

There will be an ice-cream social at the town hall at Erastus Tuesday evening, May 28, given under the auspices of M. E. Sunday-school, for the benefit of the Red Cross. Everybody invited.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON BARGE CANAL

[Dayton News.]
According to word received from Washington, Saturday, the house committee on railways and canals, of which Representative Brumbaugh is the chairman, has decided to report favorably the bill of which Representative B. F. Welby, of Lima, is the author, looking toward the construction of a barge canal connecting Lake Erie and the Ohio river, with Cincinnati and Toledo as the terminal, and a branch extending from Delancey through northern Indiana to Lake Michigan at Chicago.

This, if completed, will be one of the largest artificial waterway systems in the United States.

Still Maiming Hoosier Boozers

Another automobile, with three boozing Hoosier statesmen, came to grief on the St. Marys road, east of town, last week. They were on their way home to New Castle from Flint, Mich. One of them, Howard Van Meter, was caught in their overturned car and badly cut and bruised, but was able to return home with his companions. The car was left with Crown garage for repairs.

FARM BUREAU MEETING MAY 28

A meeting of the members of the Mercer County Farm Bureau and all interested, will be held at the City Hall at Celina on Tuesday, May 28, at 1 p. m. A. E. Anderson, of the extension service, will be present to assist. Kindly ask all having petitions to send list of names on same to J. J. Riley, secretary, Celina, at once, and be sure to bring or send petitions to meeting. Yours for a permanent farm bureau and a county agent.

BIG CLASS RECEIVES FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Class of twenty children made their first holy communion at the local Catholic Church last Sunday, with the usual notable service that attend these exercises. Rev. George Hindelang, pastor of the congregation, officiated: The little communicants were:

LeRoy Gebele
Norbert Gerlach
Ivo Haslinger
William Pax
John Romer
Louis Ungerer
Mary Belersdorfer
Rosa Beckstedt
Bernice Durbin
Isabella Heckman
Leona Hierholzer
Bertha Kramer
Alvina Knapke
Mary Mersman
Margaret Mersman
Agnes Mertz
Elizabeth Meyer
Marie Puthoff
Juanita Schlosser
Evelyn Steinbrunner

THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Lewis Eckhart, aged 67 years, one of the best known women in the north part of the county, died very suddenly last Monday evening at her home at Rockford. She was apparently in her usual health until a few hours before her demise. Death was due to paralysis.

Besides her husband the deceased was survived by five children—Mrs. Lucy Robinson, residing near Rockford; Chas. Eckhart, living in Dublin township; Clyde and Glen Eckhart, serving in the U. S. navy, and Wm. Eckhart, Deputy Sheriff, at Ft. Benton, Mont.

Christopher Fetters, aged 82, eighty-one of which was spent in Mercer county, died at the home of his son John, in Liberty township, on the 16th inst. He was one of the county's best known pioneer citizens, and was privileged to see it in its most primitive state. He enjoyed good health until a few months ago, and was able to look after his affairs until about three weeks ago, when he became critically ill. The deceased was born in Baltimore, Md., but came to this county with his parents when a child. His wife died about three years ago.

The deceased is survived by four children—Mrs. Caroline Wright, of Paragould, Ark.; Mrs. Laura Weaver, of Hopewell township; George and John Fetters, of Liberty township. Funeral services were held Sunday.

Mrs. Maggie Mosier Younger, a former well known Celina lady, wife of the late John Younger, died at her home in Findlay, O., last Monday, after a brief illness. She was 61 years of age, and was born a few miles east of this city. She was the mother of four children, three of whom survive—Jefferson and Perry, who reside at Lima, and Mrs. Leona Gipe, of Findlay.

Her remains were brought to this city Wednesday for interment at North Grove cemetery beside those of her husband.

Henry Rock, who is on dredge work in Erie county, was in town Monday, and had the address of his paper changed from Ansonia to Versailles. His next move will probably take him up in Michigan.

22 GRADUATE FROM CELINA HIGH NEXT WEDNESDAY

THE GRADUATES

Ralph Brauchamp
Harry Hall
Kelsey Schlosser
Leon Roettger
Garold Huffman
Russell Younger
Theodore Weisman
Ralph Short
Fred Snively
Edward Bauer
Henry Hollenbacher
Mabel Regdanz
Mary B. Howick
Gertrude Hoffman
Mary E. Howick
Helen Enwert
Gaynell Boring
Lenore Stoner
Winifred Johnson
Wanda Shambaugh
Zella Siler
Mac Schelschott

The commencement exercises of the Celina High School will be held at the City Opera-house next Wednesday evening, when twenty-two boys and girls will graduate. The program for the evening is as follows:

America.....Class
Invocation.....Horn
Duel, vocal—Winifred Johnson and Gertrude Hoffman.
Introduction of commencement speaker—Garold Huffman.
Commencement address—Dr. Daniel McGork.
Alma Mater Song.....Class
Presentation of Diplomas by the President of the Board of Education, Dr. J. E. Hattery.
Star Spangled Banner.....Class
Benediction.....Rev. Browns
Music.....Boys' and Girls' Band

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered next Sunday evening by Dr. W. W. Lance, at St. Paul's church.

No String to Center's Giving

The finger of scorn has been pointed at Center township for not coming across with her quota of Liberty bonds in the recent drive, and that she takes fewer newspapers than any other township in the county. It's to be noted, however, that she was the first to go over the top in the Red Cross drive this week. There are no strings to her giving.

THIS SURE WILL MAKE YOU SMILE

[Extracts from an article in the Brewers' Journal for May.]

Like all other destructionists, the Prohibitionists, in their stupidity and madness, are unable to offer anything with which to replace what they destroy. There is not even method in their madness.

Millions and millions of human beings have been and are consuming alcoholic beverages, not only because the laws of nature have implanted the irrepressible desire for the consumption of sugar and its decomposition products, carbonic acid and alcohol, into their organisms, as they implanted it into the organisms of all the higher animals, from the insects upward, but also because the effects of such consumption are comforting, pleasant and enabling the consumer to think progressive and noble thoughts, produce more efficiently than the non-consumer of alcohol works of art and instruments of a constantly higher rising civilization.

With the destruction of the industries producing alcoholic stimulants, humanity would be thrown back into the dark ages, not merely into medievalism, but into the ages not recorded by history, far behind the times of the ancient Egyptians, who were drinkers of wine and beer in large quantities. A non-alcoholic world would be a world of barbarians and savages.

Our drinking ancestors who developed civilization; who built cities, cathedrals, palaces, roads, ships, after having invented tools and machinery; who painted pictures, were sculptors, musicians, poets, historians, scientists, teachers, physicians, chemists, lawyers, soldiers, artisans, were all consumers of alcohol, and their lives were made happy and joyful by drinking wine and beer, the beverages which civilization has enabled them to produce. They were the founders of organized industry, the means of making possible our own collective lives as we live them to-day.

And whatever we owe them is to be destroyed by the ravings and ravings of fanatics, ignorant bores, madmen and designing political scoundrels who pursue their own selfish ends, availing themselves of the opportunities offered by the temporary and local success of these destructionists.

Earl Jenkins, who has been at Blanton, Ark. for some time, has gone to Leocomp, La., where he will be to drain some of the swamps of that state.

John Dickie, residing in Franklin township, near the county line, was among our business and social callers Saturday.

A Ford touring car belonging to Theo. Florence, stolen Saturday night from Walnut street, where it was parked, was discovered in a ditch near St. Henry Saturday morning.

Meeting of Soldiers' Relief

The Mercer County Soldiers' Relief Commission will meet in the Commissioners' office at Celina, O., on Monday, May 27, at 9 a. m., to review applications for relief from the township committees. We invite those entitled to relief not otherwise represented to appear before the board in person on the above date. No allowance will be made to any person not represented by the committees or in person. D. H. ROBISON, Sec'y.

NOTED CHARACTER COMMITS SUICIDE

Riley Colton, probably Celina's most noted character, committed suicide at county infirmary, where he had been an inmate for the past year, last Wednesday evening about 6 o'clock.

He was found dead shortly after the occurrence, when his supper was sent to his room by an inmate. A Robert rifle he had borrowed was the instrument he used in bringing his life to a close. A brief note told all he had to say: "I was born in New York in 1850, and came

to Celina in 1858. Have lived here ever since. Good bye to all."
He gained much notoriety for an attempt to blow up the bulkhead at the east bank of the reservoir several years ago, for which he served a term in the penitentiary. It is believed others were implicated in the affair, but he could not be induced to "squeal" and the incident is noted so far as is concerned. He was called a fisherman, was close-mouthed and a rather quiet man.
Funeral services will be held at the infirmary this afternoon.

WEEKLY WAR REVIEW

Every indication points to the probability that the present week will witness the renewal of the German offensive began March 21. The entente allied staffs, so far as their opinion can be learned, appear convinced that the enemy has about completed his reorganization and had justment of forces suitable to his purpose to strike his new blow.

German public opinion is being prepared by Chancellor von Hertling and others for the imminence of renewed heavy fighting. On the allied side confidence is expressed in the outcome, particularly with the Germans crippled in reserve power through their losses in the earlier attack, while the allies have received notable reinforcements from the United States, which day by day is increasing the number of its men on the Franco-Belgian front. The total mileage of front held by American troops, indeed, is revealed to be the third greatest, the French standing first, the British second and the Americans exceeding the Belgian total.

Artillery duels and raiding thrusts featured the week on the fronts in Flanders and Picardy. American positions were shelled heavily, but the fire was returned with interest. Along the Italian front all enemy attacks were put down.

In Great Britain the Irish question looms large again with the announced discovery of a "treasonable conspiracy with the German enemy," on the part of certain Irishmen and the making of 500 arrests in Ireland. The persons taken in custody include the Sinn Fein organization's president, Professor De Valera, most of its leaders and all the Sinn Fein members of parliament. The government's

descent upon the Sinn Fein headquarters and leading personnel was sudden and bold and the rounding-up process was not accompanied by disorders. The bringing of the conspiracy question to a head seems likely to result from the government's action.

May 21.—French forces west of Kemmel in the Ypres sector advanced their line over a two mile front. Near Rheims the French advanced into the enemy's positions as far as the third line of trenches. Austrians on the front before Amiens improved their positions.

May 22.—The allies still continue to harass the enemy all along the battle line. The French are the most active. They have engaged in raiding operations near Laasigny, on the flank of the German line as it stands since the advance toward Amiens and salmed ground.

Dispatches from Vienna state that Austrian troops are being concentrated along the Italian battle front.

Cut Output of Toledo Breweries.
Toledo, Ohio.—The brewers of this city say their output of beer this year will be 250,000 barrels less than last year. One local brewing concern will reduce its output by 110,000 barrels. The brewers claim the decrease is due to the order of the government, cutting the output of the brewers to one-third of the production of last year. However, it is doubtful if the government cut worries the brewers to any great extent, as the widening area of dry territory, together with the decrease in drinking in wet territory, has a tendency to decrease the demand.

Raymond Studer, of Camp Sherman was home this week for a brief visit with his father and sisters, going from here to Camp Taylor, Ky., where he has been transferred.